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SUBJECT: BRAZIL RESPONSE TO OAS SOCIAL CHARTER DEMARCHE

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¶1. (SBU) On March 21, Poloff delivered reftel demarche --regarding the chairmanship of the OAS Working Group to draft the OAS Social Charter and Action Plan-- to Counselor Mariangela Rebua, Head of the Division of Social Affairs, and her Deputy, Adriano Silva Pucci, at Brazil's Foreign Ministry. Rebua and Pucci noted that they were not aware of developments on this issue since last year, and that their understanding is that the Latin American candidate is Venezuela. However, they emphasized that Brazil is not looking to create any "unpleasantness" and that the focus should be on addressing poverty, a topic on which everyone can agree. They noted that Brazil will look for "constructive consensus" solutions, without being more specific.  
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